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Fuel smell wafts over New Orleans area; some officials say it could be oil spill

By [Martha Carr, The Times-Picayune](#)

April 29, 2010, 2:53PM



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Oil skimmers try to clean up oil released from the Deepwater Horizon drilling rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico before it reaches the sensitive wetlands Wednesday. A pungent fuel smell is now wafting over New Orleans area.

A pungent fuel smell is wafting over much of the New Orleans area, and residents curious about its source have been jamming government phone lines for information.

Though emergency preparedness officials haven't been able to confirm the source of the odor, a Jefferson Parish official said he assumes the smell is emanating from the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico that is creeping ever closer to the Louisiana coastline. The coast is about 80 miles south of the city.

Deano Bonano, the parish's emergency preparedness director, pointed to a strong southeast wind and the absence of any reported chemical leaks in the parish as the

root of his assumption.

"We're still trying to confirm that," he said, adding that he's gotten calls about the odor from locations across the parish, including Harahan, Metairie and near Lake Pontchartrain. "Whatever it is, it's coming from south of us, and we have to assume it's the oil spill."

Plaquemines Parish Councilman Dr. Stuart Guey also said he believes the smell, which is pervasive in his parish, is from the spill.

State health officials in Baton Rouge said around 3:20 p.m. that they are aware of the odor and will make a statement soon.

In New Orleans, emergency preparedness officials said the fire department is not working any blazes, and has gotten no reports of a chemical release in the area.

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BP is a greedy and heartless oil company that puts profits over people. We are tired of this. BP made \$16 BILLION last year alone AND DID NOT PAY A DIME IN US INCOME TAXES. EXXON PAID NO FEDERAL INCOME TAX ON \$46 BILLION IN PROFIT LAST YEAR, THAT IS INEXCUSABLE. ALL THE REST OF US MUST PAY OUR TAXES. Some may argue that that is okay because they create jobs. Yea, they create jobs all right, but it might easily kill you to work there. FIX MY COAST AND MY LAKE OR GET THE HELL OUT OF LOUISIANA, NOW!!!!!!

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Posted by **rayfromuptn**

April 29, 2010, 3:15PM

Income tax is paid by individuals. Exxon's employees paid their income tax just like everyone else.

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Posted by **cablefury75**

April 29, 2010, 3:04PM

Perfect. Just when we're on the brink of recovery & things are starting to look good. Friggin BP. Eat some seafood this weekend because it may become a rare commodity for a while....

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Posted by **JREIIIIS**

April 29, 2010, 3:05PM

Louisiana has NEVER stood up to these oil companies. We let them come into our state, exploit our resources, and abuse our workers; we even give them tax-breaks to do it. Pathetic. Where is our Governor? Maybe if he keeps his mouth shut, these oil companies will keep filling his campaign coffers with their ill-gotten gains so that he can continue on his true mission - political advancement. Why is Jindal not fighting for us? This is his job, not running around the country on a "rabble-rousing" tour.

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Posted by **JREIIIIS**

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BP HAS NO TAXATION, BUT THEY HAVE ALL OF THE REPRESENTATION. I SAY, "IF NO TAXATION, THEN NO EXPLORATION".

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Posted by **thingshmm**
April 29, 2010, 3:09PM

i smell blue tarp. is that what it smells like?

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Posted by **jasonpostier**
April 29, 2010, 3:10PM

do we even know the cause yet?

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Posted by **uptowntransient**
April 29, 2010, 3:11PM

The smell is absolutely thick and nauseating here in the French Quarter. I can't imagine what it's like down in the South Lafourche area.

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Posted by **jollywrancher**
April 29, 2010, 3:12PM

BP is paying for the whole cleanup. It's in their best interest to take care of this as quickly as possible. The smell over the area is from the oil leak. That should be obvious.

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Posted by **nolasurvivor**
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Smells like diesel fumes on the West Bank. This could be around for a long time! Can this irritate folks with asthma?

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Posted by **WhouxDat**
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What are the effects of breathing this stuff? Anyone from the Times-Picayune want to let us know? I'm currently in the French Quarter and can smell this stuff.

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Posted by **timetravel12**
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It is pretty strong here in Covington too.

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Posted by **dontkneaux**
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We are on Metairie Road and we all just walked out the office and the smell is here.

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Posted by **Anniemaj**
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I expect the smell will get a lot worse as the spill gets closer!!

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Posted by **BubbaLulu**
April 29, 2010, 3:17PM

jasonpostier - Kudos on using your critical thinking skills, but seeing as (1) the wind is blowing from the south; (2) the oil smell just began recently; and, (3) there is no other potential explanation, I think it's safe to say the cause of the smell is the MASSIVE OIL SPILL just south of us. But, maybe you are right, and it's just a crazy coincidence. . . .

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Posted by **JREllis**
April 29, 2010, 3:21PM

I almost wish we were like China in this regard, when preventable disasters happen, people get sentenced to death. BP will pay a few million, but they will ultimately get out scott free. Pathetic. I guess I'll just sit at home and watch the oil destroy Lake P.

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Posted by **Anniemaj**
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Boy, I'll bet this is going to put a damper on this weekend's Jazz Fest.

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Posted by **jollywrancher**
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At least I can breathe this stuff and not have to buy beer!

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